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1. REFTEL B PROVIDED INITIAL INFO RE SUBJECT FIRM'S
PROBLEMS ON 2/13/78.

2. IN REPLY TO SPECIFICS OF REF A FOLLOWING IS KEYED TO
QUESTIONS:

A. GMA HAS RESUMED BUSINESS.
B. DISPUTE BETWEEN ZAHID AND ABDUL JAWAD, HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW,
INVOLVES FAMILY AFFAIRS, ALLEGED NEGLECT OF BUSINESS BY
ABDUL JAWAD WHO HAS SPENT MOST OF 1977 IN ENGLAND, AND LOSS
OF SOME AGNECIES, SPECIFICALLY BARBER LINES, THROUGH SHODDY
MANAGEMENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ZAHID HAD OBTAINED FROM SAG
CLOSE DOWN ORDER AND DISSOLUTION OF BUSINESS WITH DIVISION
OF ASSETS, BUT THAT ABDUL JAWAD MADE DIRECT APPEAL TO KING
TO ALLOW FIRM TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS AND SETTLEMENT OF
DUSPUTE OVER PERIOD OF TIME. SAUDI GOVERNMENT AGREED
AND LIFTED CLOSE DOWN ORDER. OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS NOW
SAID TO BE INTERCEDING TO ARRANGE AMICABLE SETTLEMENT.
C. THIS WILL DEPEND ON CONDUCT OF BUSINESS BY ABDUL JAWAD
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AND HIS SONS BUT LEGAL COMPLICATIONS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN
ERASED BY ROYAL LIFTING OF SHUT DOWN ORDER.
D. PREVIOUS BUSINESS SUSPENSION HAS BEEN LIFTED AND PARTIES
INVOLVED HAVE AGREED TO ABIDE BY SAG MINISTRY OF COMMERCE
SPECIAL ARBITRATION COMMITTEE. AGAIN THERE IS NO WAY TO
ASCERTAIN POSSIBILITY OF GMA BEING FORCED TO SUSPEND
BUSINESS A SECOND TIME.

3. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE MORE INFO IN OBTAINED BUT SUCH
MATTERS ARE HELD COLSELY AMONG SAUDIS.
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